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## PATENT

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Date: August 14, 2006

In re Application of: Grabowski et al.  
 Application No. 10/088,966  
 Filed: March 22, 2002  
 For: NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES FOR THE DETECTION OF BACTERIA AND PHYLOGENETIC UNITS  
 OF BACTERIA

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 Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a reply to office action in the subject application.

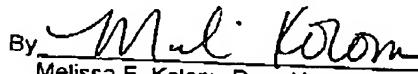
- Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
- Other: Christopherson et al., *Nucleic Acids Research*, 25(3): 654-658 (1997).
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- Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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